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METHODS OF PATTERNING PROTEIN

AND CELL ADHESIVITY

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 14-16, 20-23, 26, 28-31, 34-36, 39-40, 43-45, and 48-63.

- 3. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the surfactant compound comprises one or more hydrophobic regions and one or more hydrophilic regions.
- 4. (amended) The method of claim I wherein the surfactant compound comprises one or more hetero atoms.
- 5. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the surfactant compound comprises one or more alkoxy groups.